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Distinguished Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

My name is Brian Kowalczyk, I am a resident of Plainville and I am the Owner and Lead Instructor of Connecticut Firearms Training Academy LLC in Berlin.

I am writing to you today in opposition to the HB5653 an Excise Tax on Ammunition. This bill once again attempts to put an unnecessary burden solely on law abiding gun owners, not only that but it specifically targets those of lower income and lessor means that may live in higher crime areas. Exactly the people who need to be proficient with their firearms.

Ammunition is ALREADY subject to an additional 11% tax on top of the CT sales tax.

While taxing the retail seller of ammunition during the procurement process may seem on the surface like it will not affect the end purchaser, I beg to differ. In addition to the cost of the tax being passed to the consumer, they will also have to pass the cost of the added burden of collecting and reporting the tax. Not only are you attempting to impose a tax to punish a particular segment of society, but you are also forcing businesses to perform extra work, nothing in life is free and these costs will end up being paid by the end user.

I ask you to vote NO on this proposed bill.

Respectfully,

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